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Isaiah 9:6

***“What is Meant By
The Government
Will Be On His
Shoulder?”***

For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given: and the
government shall be upon his
shoulder: and his name shall
be called Wonderful,

**Counsellor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.**

In considering what it
may mean for “the
government to be on his
shoulder”, I decided to
pursue a brief online
search.

There were various
explanations but
3 things stood out:

1) Christ did not teach or practice any particular political “party” or nationalistic lifestyle.

Therefore, this biblical passage has nothing to do with left or right wing or any political ideology.

2) The government, as in responsibility of governing, will be on

HIS shoulder, as
opposed to being
on our shoulders.

3) As with much of
Scripture, it's
spiritual more than
physical.

Christ has a spiritual
government whereby
he is in power.

First, nowhere in
Scripture do we read
that Jesus was involved
in earthly

governmental issues.

In fact, when he was
tested by hypocrites to
get involved and to say
something offensive
about the government
officials of the time,
Jesus said:

Give to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and
give to God what belongs
to God (Matthew 22:21).

Jesus simply was not
playing the political
game. He knew there
was something much
more important
happening—and
about to happen.

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The next point concerning the responsibility of governing being on Christ's shoulder, as opposed to being on our shoulders is somewhat helpful. Though affected by whatever decisions the powers that be have on Believers, we need not be depressed or burdened by local, national, or even

international events.
If we understand that
whatever is happening is
on Christ's shoulders,
we will be less stressed,
and ideally, completely
unstressed.

Finally, the point
about Christ governing
spiritually versus
physically (within the
earthly realm) is, of itself,

a spiritual concept and is, therefore, less easily proven. However, throughout Scripture, it is explained that God is ultimately in control and that God's ways and thoughts are not within the confines of human thinking. With that as a premise, it is reasonable to conclude that Christ's "spiritual government"

will not *look* the way
we may want to *see* it
exemplified on earth.

The disciples had
concerns about the
same things as they
sometimes vied for
higher positions within
their group or were
willing to physically
fight soldiers in efforts
to take over
governmental rulership.

The bottom line on the matter is that there may be several layers and levels of meaning and it is worth deeper study and prayer to know what God personally wants each of us to know concerning, “The Government Will Be On His Shoulder”.